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SUBJECT: GALLAGHER/DYKES CASE

1. AT LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY INDIAN CHARGE, ECON COUNSELOR HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK PRIVATELY WITH NUMBER TWO IN IRAQI EMBASSY (DR. WAHBI KARAGHOLI) ABOUT GALLAGHER/DYKES.

2. OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE TWO MEN WAS MENTIONED TO KARAGHOLI. WE HAD ALREADY APPROACHED SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVING BETTER RELATIONS THAN OURSELVES WITH THE PALESTINIANS FOR ASSISTANCE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS IN OBTAINING THEIR RELEASE. UP TO NOW, FOR UNDERSTANDABLE REASONS, NO APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE TO THE IRAQI AUTHORITIES. ON THE SAME HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, HOWEVER, WE WANTED TO MENTION IT NOW AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER THE IRAQI AUTHORITIES FELT THEY WERE IN A POSITION TO DO TOWARD FACILITATING THE RELEASE OF GALLAGHER/DYKES.

3. REQUESTING DETAILS, KARAGHOLI WAS INFORMED THAT IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GALLAGHER/DYKES WERE BEING HELD BY A GROUP AFFILIATED WITH HABASH. KARAGHOLI ASKED IF THE GROUP IN QUESTION WAS LEBANESE OR PALESTINIAN AND WAS TOLD THAT THIS WAS NOT CLEAR TO ECON COUNSELOR BUT THAT THE GROUP IN QUESTION APPARENTLY WAS AFFILIATED WITH HABASH.

4. ECON COUNSELOR WENT ON FURTHER TO TELL KARAGHOLI
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THAT KAMAL JUMBLATTHMAFTBEEN VERY ACTIVE AND VERY HELP-

FUL IN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE MEN. IN FACT IT HAD BEEN HOPED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, BUT TO OUR GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT (AND JUMBLATT'S) THIS DID NOT TAKE PLACE, APPARENTLY BECAUSE HABASH WAS IN BAGHDAD.

5. KARAGHOLI MADE NO PROMISES, BUT FAIRLY CLEARLY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND REPORT TO HIS PEOPLE.
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